

## JOHN T. SCHAEFER



John T. Schaefer, age 73, of Mt. Lebanon and formerly of Rock-Rock Rockaway Beach, NY, which he would frequently remind us The Ramones sang about, lost his battle with Leukemia on October 30, 2023. It might have been his NY upbringing that led his youngest son's friends to refer to him as Tony Soprano and his oldest's to say he was the dad who could beat up all our dads.

We were lucky that John wooed Helen Larkin Schaefer on the dance floor in Breezy Point, NY, later leading to 47 years of marriage. He would say 38 years of wedded bliss out of 47 isn't bad.

Loving father and fierce fantasy football adversary of Tim (Cathleen) Schaefer of Potomac, MD, and Gerard (Kara) Schaefer of Bethel Park, he was proud to call himself the reigning 2022 champion of The Bosses Think We Are Working fantasy football league. He will forever be remembered as a fierce competitor and champion. But above all else, he was most proud of his grandkids Kyle, Connor, Mackenzie, Charlie, and Chloe Schaefer, who lovingly referred to him as "Pop Johnny." "I just love those kids so much" was more often than not his comment after Facetime calls.

John, a tough, caring, loving, unapologetic fantasy football champion will be forever missed and remembered.

Family and friends are welcome Friday, November 3, 2023, from 4-8 p.m. at **PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, 724-260-5546. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul the Cross- Saint Anne Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital <http://Stjude.org> and Light of Life Rescue Mission <http://Give.lightoflife.org>.

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